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SUBJECT: GOWON VISIT

1. AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES HERE, PRESIDENT
NIXON WOULD REGARD IT AS A MATTER OF GREAT CONVENIENCE IF
GENERAL GOWON COULD AGREE TO CHANGE APPOINTMENT TO 11:30
A.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 IN WASHINGTON. OFFICIAL AIRCRAFT
WOULD MEET GENERAL GOWON IN NEW YORK AND BRING HIM TO
WASHINGTON.

2. IF CLEARLY NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THIS CHANGE IN AP-
POINTMENT TIME, YOU MAY OFFER AS ALTERNATIVE 3:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 IN KEY BISCAYNE. OFFICIAL JET AIRCRAFT
WOULD BE PROVIDED, WITH FLIGHT TIME APPROXIMATELY TWO
HOURS FORTY-FIVE MINUTES FROM NEW YORK.

FYI: REALIZE DIFFICULTIES THIS TIME CHANGE POSES
FOR YOU, BUT PROBLEMS HERE MAKE THURSDAY MEETING A VERY
STRONG PREFERENCE. AS A THIRD CHOICE, IF NECESSARY TO AVER
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POSSIBILITY OF NO MEETING AT ALL, YOU MAY OFFER A LUNCH WITH

PRESIDENT FOLLOWING MEETING ON OCTOBER 4. UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS DIFFICULT SERIES OF OPTIONS TO MANAGE AND LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGEMENT BEST MANNER OF DOING SO, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT ALTERNATIVES ARE STATED IN ORDER OF DESIRABILITY, WITH FIRST ONE A STRONG PREFERENCE.

FYI: SHOULD GENERAL GOWON BE AMENABLE TO FIRST OPTION, THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES THAT NIGERIA ONE FLY DIRECTLY TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE AND THAT THE GENERAL AND IMMEDIATE PARTY USE FACILITIES OF BLAIR HOUSE PRIOR TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. KISSINGER UNQTE KISSINGER

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